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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 15-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 15-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/12/2012 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12, 15-32 have been considered but are not persuasive. However, the argument relied upon the newly amended language; the language has been addressed in the claims rejection below.

3. During the last interview, Examiner suggested that since the claimed invention was an obvious combination of known features in the art, and Applicant should include details of figure 4 for further consideration. Applicant has minimally amended to include new languages in the claims; however, such amendment is insufficient to distinguish over the prior arts of the record. The claims stand rejected, as set forth below.

Claim Rejections

4. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

5. Claims 1-12, 15-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US. 5987508, hereinafter "Agraharam" and US. 2001/0039592, Hereinafter "Carden" and US. 6788769, hereinafter "Waites."

6. As to claims 1, 15, and 20, Agraharam discloses the invention substantially, including a method and system comprising: a phone call receiving device configured to receive telephonic communications (fig.1:107, 108); a phone number detection device communicatively coupled to said phone call receiving device and configured to identify a source phone number when a phone call is received at the phone number detection device (col.6:45-46), wherein: the system is configured to respond to a request that is associated to a telephone number (the server that provides alias mechanism service activates the service upon verification of caller-id or ANI, ¶ 6:24-58).

Agraharam falls short of applying the teaching for claiming or registering a certain types of services such as claiming, or registering websites and does not express that when the system does not detect phone numbers by the detecting device, it prompts the user to enter the phone number as further information for verification.

However, associating a telephone number with Internet or web services, and prompting for entry of a telephone number are not novelties. In the same field of endeavor, Carden teaches a method and system that enables internet users to register for a web site

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by using a telephone number (§0007, 0015, 0032), and in the event of uncertainty, Carden inherently teaches a system determines whether a web service is pending; if there is, prompting the uses to enter their telephone numbers for validation (§ 0027) and Waites teaches a system that doing the same with a recognition of caller ID (col.5:54-65).

Thus, it would have been obvious to an ordinary skilled in the art at the time of the invention was made to incorporate an idea of automatically detecting associated telephone numbers as suggested by Carden-Waites to register, create or claim a web site and to provide an opportunity for a user to enter a telephone number for verification purposes in any events including when the caller ID fails to identify the phone number for whatever reason with a system that is readily capable for such application of Agraharam.

The claimed inventions are apparent to an a skilled in the art that that was a combination of well-known techniques and/or features in the art that, as suggested in Agraharam, Carden, and Waites, which can be accomplished with a reasonable expectation of success and does not produce any unpredictable result but a collection of benefits derived from the prior arts.

7. As to claims 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 18, 19, and 23-30, Agraharam-Carden-Waites discloses the invention as discussed in claim 1 above, including effect the claim based on receipt of PIN (Agraharam, c.6:39-51; c.7:8-57; Carden, § 0027, 0032; Waites, col.6:32-45).

8. Claims 2 and 9, Agraharam-Carden-Waites discloses the invention substantially, as described in their parent claims, including, effect a claim comprises of receiving telephone communications from the phone number associated with the request indicating

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confirmation of the request (phone number and/or PIN or password are used for verification of associated service; Agraharam, col.6:42-58; Carden ¶0027; Waites, col.6:33-45).

9. Claim 26, Agraharam-Carden-Waites discloses the invention substantially, as described in their parent claims, including, the website request is confirmed by accessing a system and entering the PIN (PIN or password are used for verification of associated service; Agraharam, col.6:42-58; Carden ¶0027, 0032; Waites, col.6:33-45).

10. Claims 3 and 10, Agraharam-Carden-Waites discloses the invention substantially, as described in their parent claims, including, accepting the website request based on completion of an electronic form at a website (Agraharam, col.5:49-52).

11. Claims 4, 11, 16 and 21, Agraharam-Carden-Waites discloses the invention substantially, as described in their parent claims, including, websites registration (Carden, abstract), which requires specific lease time. Therefore, a valid pre-defined length of time is inherent.

12. As to claims 5, 12, 17, and 22, Agraharam-Carden-Waites discloses the invention substantially, as described in their parent claims, including, the verification comprises receiving indication of the at least one phone number by the phone call receiving device and calling at least one phone number (Carden, ¶0032).

13. Claims 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US. Agraharam-Carden, in view of what was well known in the art.

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14. Claims 31 and 32, Agraharam-Carden-Waites discloses the invention substantially, as described in their parent claims but fails to disclose the receiving device is a pager or facsimile. Official Notice is taken that, pager and facsimile were, at the time of the invention was made, well known, and widely used in the art. Thus, it would have been obvious to an artisan to modify the system by including such devices as a receiving device. By doing so, it could expand application of the invention therefore increasing commercial value of the modified system.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit whose telephone number is (571)272-3913. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 0800 -1800 EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Faruk Hamza can be reached on (571)272-7969. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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